

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1243

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeff Edwards for his contributions to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Jeff Edwards, a highly respected member of his community who has dedicated himself to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the son of Bob and Camille Edwards, Jeff Edwards is a highly successful small businessman and a former professional baseball player, who cut a legendary figure on the pitching mound during his extensive career; and

WHEREAS, a member of the DuPont High School Hall of Fame, Jeff Edwards received countless awards as a star pitcher for DuPont and was named to the All-District and All-City teams his junior and senior years; in 1981, he was named the *Nashville Banner's* Nashville Interscholastic League (NIL) Player of the Year, a member of the *Tennessean's* All-NIL First Team, and the Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, during his incredible senior season, Mr. Edwards posted a 3-1 record and an 0.80 earned run average; he struck out twenty batters in fourteen innings against DuPont archrival McGavock High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he was the only junior named to the *Tennessean's* All NIL First Team, having posted an amazing 0.41 earned run average and struck out nineteen batters against Maplewood before the game was called due to darkness; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Edwards played baseball for Vanderbilt University and was selected in the 1984 Major League Baseball draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers; he spent ten years playing professional baseball, including tenures with the Houston Astros and the Cleveland Indians; and

WHEREAS, after playing six years in the minor leagues and coaching for two years, Jeff Edwards took his retirement from professional baseball at the age of fifty-six; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Jeff Edwards enjoys the love and support of his wife, Molly, and their two sons, Austin and Robert; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Edwards epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud Jeff Edwards for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jeff Edwards for his lifetime of contributions to his community and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.